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SUBJECT: Geneva Conference

The following information from a usually reliable source who obtained the same from a second-rank member of the East German delegation to the GENEVA conference has been made available to this office by G-2, USAREUR:

"On 17 or 18 June 1959, the Kollegium of the East German Ministry of Foreign Affairs met to evaluate the SED Central Committee Politbureau's opinion paper concerning the Geneva Conference. The Politbureau paper states in substance that the conference was a success for East Germany for three main reasons:

- "1. It has assured that a summit conference would be held.
- "2. It has brought about closer contacts between the United States and the Soviet Union.
- "3. It has revealed indications that McMillan might make another solo mediation trip to Moscow.

"The East German delegation will return to Geneva when the talks resume; however it has little expectations that the next phase will produce major agreements. Until the final conference on the German question, -- whether a continuation of Foreign Ministers' conference or a summit conference -- has been concluded, no steps will be taken by either the Soviets or the East Germans to change the status quo of BERLIN. At the final conference, they will make the minimum demand that the Four Powers conclude a new agreement concerning West Berlin. The new agreement will permit the West Powers to maintain their present status and rights; however, these would not derive from the right of conquest or from past agreements, but from the new agreement. Should this minimum Soviet demand be refused by the Western Powers, the Soviet Union will conclude a separate peace treaty with East Germany and turn over its Berlin control powers to East Germany.

"The East German delegation and staff will be somewhat reduced in size for the next phase of the Foreign Ministers' Conference. It was estimated that this phase will last three to four weeks and that the 17 June proposals of the Western Powers present possibilities of an interim solution on West Berlin, which would probably be discussed during this phase.

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"The main point which East Germany will now emphasize is the conclusion of a written agreement between East and West Germany to forego violence in the solution of the German problem.

"A meeting of the Kollegium of the East German Foreign Ministry was scheduled for 26 June to evaluate the Geneva Conference. Dr. Lothar BOLZ was scheduled to speak. The proceedings and results of this meeting are not yet known.

"Prior to the resumption of the Geneva conference, the SED Central Committee Politbuero is scheduled to pass a decision on the Ministry proposal concerning the Allied Travel Office in West Berlin. It could not be determined whether the Politbuero will act on other aspects of the Berlin situation at this meeting."

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